

costs the prices of tea/coffee, meals and breakfast were increased during January, 1992

(b) The profit earned by the catering departments of Railways during 1990-91 was Rs 108 67 lakhs

(c) Does not arise

[English]

Indian Institute of Management in Kerala

2271 PROF K V THOMAS Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government of Kerala has requested the Union Government to establish an India Institute of Management in Kerala

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the subjects proposed in this Institute, and

(c) the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) (a) and (b) The Government of Kerala has proposed the setting up of an Indian Institute of Management in the State with a bias to develop specialities which particularly cater to the needs of the unorganised rural and non-corporate sectors including rural labour health services plantation fisheries small industry, self employment etc

(c) The State Government has been informed that due to financial constraints the Central Government is not in a position to set up a new Indian Institute of Management during the 8th Plan. However, the extent of financial involvement by the State Govern-

ment and the manner in which funds could be raised by the State Government should be made known so that the possibility of Central Contribution could be examined

Utilisation of Afforestation Funds

2272 SHRI DATTATRAYA BANDARU
SHRI ANNA JOSHI
SHRI CHETAN P S
CHAUHAN

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state

(a) whether the Union Government monitor the utilisation of the funds which are given to the States and Union Territories for afforestation

(b) if so, the details thereof for 1991,

(c) the number of cases of misappropriation of funds which have come to the notice of the Government, and

(d) the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) (a) and (b) Monitoring of afforestation and tree planting activities at the field level is carried out by the State Governments. From the Centre the achievements are monitored by the Ministry of Environment & Forests and the Ministry of Planning and Programme Implementation. With a view to improve performance, the State Governments have been advised to strengthen the monitoring mechanism as well as to draw up location-wise details of the afforestation and tree planting activities and share this information widely with the people's representatives and the public. Sample checking of the actual planting work done during the past year is being taken up.

(c) and (d) The information is being collected from the State Governments and will be placed on the Table of the House

Rail Yatri Niwas at Howrah

2273 SHRISATYAGOPALMISRA Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government have taken any decision to sell/lease the Railway Yatri Niwas at Howrah

(b) if so the reasons and the details thereof and

(c) if not the steps taken or proposed to be taken to utilise the Yatri Niwas more effectively for the benefit of the passengers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL LIKARJUN) (a) No Sir

(b) Does not arise

(c) Only bonafide passengers are allowed to utilise Rail Yatri Niwas Services provided to such passengers are monitored constantly and necessary measures taken to bring about improvement This is an on going and continuous process

Facilities in Orissa Bound Trains

2274 DR KARTIKESWARPATRA Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether the passenger facilities available in Orissa bound trains particularly in Neelachal and Utkal Expresses need improvement

(b) whether the quality of food served in these trains is not upto the mark and

(c) if so, the steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL LIKARJUN) (a) Amenities as per existing norms have been provided in all trains including Orissa bound trains

(b) Some complaints were received

(c) Improvement in catering services is an on-going continuous process Steps taken/proposed to be taken include use of standard raw materials, use of modern kitchen appliances training to catering staff frequent inspections etc

Kharagpur-Khurda Road Line

2275 DR KARTIKESWARPATRA Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether there is any scheme to electrify the Kharagpur Khurda road line,

(b) if so the details thereof alongwith the estimated cost of the project and the progress made so far in this regard, and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL LIKARJUN) (a) to (c) Cost cum feasibility survey for electrification of Kharagpur-Walait section of which Kharagpur Khurda Road section is a portion, has been included in the Railway Budget proposals for 1992-93 to assess the financial viability of the work Final decision will however, depend upon the results of the study as well as availability of resources and relative priorities for electrification of other high density routes